

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OUTFITTERS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
amendment of ARM 8.39.804 and) AND ADOPTION
the adoption of NEW RULE I)
pertaining to net client)
hunter use)

TO All Concerned Persons

1. On March 13, 2003, the Board of Outfitters published MAR Notice No. 8-39-23 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules relating to net client hunter use at page 356 of the 2003 Montana Administrative Register, issue number 5.

2. The Board has amended ARM 8.39.804 exactly as proposed.

3. The Board adopted NEW RULE I (8.39.805) exactly as proposed.

4. On April 7, 2003, a public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules was conducted in Helena. Two written comments were received. A summary of the comments and the Board's responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: Jean Johnson of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association stated that the proposed changes appear to be sound and make sense and furnish evidence that the Board of Outfitters understands the outfitters' business.

RESPONSE 1: The Board stated that it appreciated Ms. Johnson's comments and would send (her) a letter expressing that sentiment.

COMMENT 2: Jack Rich of Rich Ranch and Outfitting stated that this gives the outfitter tools he or she needs to respond to changes in Fish, Wildlife and Parks regulations. This would allow the outfitters to better serve the consumer.

RESPONSE 2: The Board once again thanked the commentor, expressed their appreciation for the comment and directed that a letter be sent expressing that sentiment.

BOARD OF OUTFITTERS
RAY RUGG, CHAIR

/s/ WENDY J. KEATING
Wendy J. Keating, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Industry

/s/ MARK CADWALLADER
Mark Cadwallader,
Alternate Rule Reviewer

Certified to the Secretary of State June 2, 2003.